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INFO ALL EC CAPITALS

AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

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1. MISSION OFFICER MET MARCH 13 WITH EC COMMISSION OFFICIAL KAWAN TO CONVEY ORALLY POINTS ON POSSIBLE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING (HLM) ON ENVIRONMENT CONTAINED REF (A). KAWAN, WHO LEFT FOR COREPER DISCUSSION ON HLM IMMEDIATELY AFTER MEETING WITH MISSION OFFICER, EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR TIMELY USG REPLY TO HIS QUESTIONS (REF B). CONFIDENTIAL

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2. IN RESPONSE TO MISSION OFFICER'S QUERY, KAWAN OFFERED CLARIFICATION OF COMMISSION OFFICIAL ZITO'S REMARKS (PARA 2 REF B) CONCERNING TIMING OF DECISION ON HOLDING AN ENVIRONMENT HLM. KAWAN SAID THAT EC ALSO FAVORS TAKING DECISION IN PRINCIPLE DURING NEXT MONTH'S ECE PLENARY ON WHETHER OR NOT TO HOLD ENVIRONMENT HLM,

WITH FINAL DECISIONS ON SUBSTANCE AND TIMING TO BE TAKEN AT THE APRIL 1979 ECE PLENARY.

3. KAWAN ALSO SAID THAT HE WISHED TO BRING TO USG ATTENTION THE COMMISSION'S CONCERN OVER WHAT HE TERMED "STRONG PRESSURE" NOW BEING APPLIED ON ECE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY STANOVNIK BY EAST EUROPEANS, AIMED AT ADDITION OF PROPOSED ENERGY CONFERENCE TO AGENDA FOR NEXT MONTH'S PLENARY. KAWAN INDICATED HE WOULD RECOMMEND TO COREPER THAT EC LET EAST EUROPEANS KNOW BEFORE THE PLENARY THAT SUCH PRESSURE IN UNACCEPTABLE. THAT THE COMMUNITY IS PREPARED TO TAKE PART IN A "BUSINESS AS USUAL" PLENARY, INCLUDING DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENT HLM, BUT THAT IT WILL NOT STAND FOR THE EAST'S SEEKING TO OBTAIN AT GENEVA (ON AN ENERGY CONFERENCE) WHAT IT HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN IN BELGRADE. KAWAN SAID THAT HE DID NOT KNOW HOW MEMBER STATES WOULD REACT IN COREPER BUT THAT HE DID WANT USG TO BE AWARE OF COMMISSION'S VIEWS ON THE MATTER. MORRIS

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